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**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR
THE USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE CASTING AND
COUNTING OF BALLOTS AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF
PUNCH-CARD VOTING MACHINES."**

1 After line 63, add the following:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 9-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

4 (a) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person
5 shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or
6 himself or in behalf of or in opposition to any question being
7 submitted at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer
8 any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a
9 radius of [seventy-five] one thousand feet of any outside entrance in
10 use as an entry to any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or
11 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such polling
12 place or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or

13 approach, except as provided in section 9-294. Nothing contained in
14 this section shall be construed to prohibit (1) parent-teacher
15 associations or parent-teacher organizations from holding bake sales or
16 other fund-raising activities on the day of any primary, referendum or
17 election in any school used as a polling place, provided such sales or
18 activities shall not be held in the room in which the election booths are
19 located, (2) the registrars of voters from directing the officials at a
20 primary, referendum or election to distribute, within the restricted
21 area, adhesive labels on which are imprinted the words "I Voted
22 Today", or (3) the registrars of voters in a primary, election or
23 referendum from jointly permitting nonpartisan activities to be
24 conducted in a room other than the room in which the election booths
25 are located. The registrars may jointly impose such conditions and
26 limitations on such nonpartisan activity as deemed necessary to ensure
27 the orderly process of voting. The moderator shall evict any person
28 who in any way interferes with the orderly process of voting.

29 (b) (1) The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the
30 [seventy-five-foot] one-thousand-foot distance from such entrance.
31 Such markers shall consist of a board resting on an iron rod, which
32 board shall be not less than twelve inches square and painted a bright
33 color and shall bear the figures and letters ["75 feet"] "1000 feet" and
34 the following words: "On the day of any primary, referendum or
35 election no person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to another
36 or himself or peddle or offer any ballot, advertising matter or circular
37 to another person or loiter within a radius of [seventy-five] one
38 thousand feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any polling
39 place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from
40 any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room
41 opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach." [(2)
42 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
43 the selectmen may provide the markers required by the provisions of
44 this subsection in effect prior to October 1, 1983, except that in the case
45 of a referendum which is not held in conjunction with an election or a
46 primary, the selectmen shall provide the markers required by

47 subdivision (1) of this subsection. (3)]

48 (2) The moderator and his assistants shall meet at least twenty
49 minutes before the opening of a primary, referendum or an election in
50 the voting district, and shall cause to be placed by a police officer or
51 constable, or such other primary or election official as they select, a
52 suitable number of distance markers. Such moderator or any police
53 officer or constable shall prohibit loitering and peddling of tickets
54 within that distance.

55 (c) No person except those permitted or exempt under this section
56 or section 9-236a and primary or election officials and party checkers
57 appointed under section 9-235 shall be allowed within any polling
58 place except for the purpose of casting his vote. Representatives of the
59 news media shall be allowed to enter, remain within and leave any
60 polling place or restricted area surrounding any polling place to
61 observe the election, provided any such representative who in any way
62 interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the
63 moderator. A number of students in grades four to twelve, inclusive,
64 not to exceed four at any one time in any one polling place, may enter
65 any polling place between twelve o'clock noon and three o'clock p.m.
66 for the purpose of observing the activities taking place therein,
67 provided there is proper parental or teacher supervision present, and
68 provided further, any such student who in any way interferes with the
69 orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the moderator. An elector
70 may be accompanied into any polling place by one or more children
71 who are fifteen years of age or younger and supervised by the elector,
72 if the elector is the parent or legal guardian of such children. Any
73 person who violates any provision of this section or, while the polls are
74 open for voting, removes or injures any such distance marker, shall be
75 fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than three
76 months or both."